

registration of FIR to open a LOC (Look Out for Culprit) to ensure that the accused does not leave India;

(e) if so, the date in which the LOC was made operational;

(f) whether the accused went Canada even after the LOC being made operational;

(g) if so, the reasons for the security lapse; and

(h) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A criminal case was registered against a Canadian national on 30.5.1996 at the Badarpur Police Station on receipt of a complaint. The complainant did not, however, indicate the address of the accused. Though the police tried to trace the accused at likely hideouts, he could not be located. As it turned out subsequently, the accused had already left the country on 28.5.1996 i.e. before the registration of the case.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) had made such a request on 31.5.1996 on the basis of which the Foreigners Regional Registration Office opened the LOC on 1.6.1996.

(f) to (h) The accused had left the country even before the complaint against him was registered at the Badarpur Police Station. There was, therefore, no security lapse as such.

Train from Secunderabad to Belapur

5102. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is only one weekly train from Secunderabad to Belapur due to which thousands of pilgrims who wish to visit Shirdi from Hyderabad/Secunderabad are facing hardships;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representation for the extension of Railway line upto Shirdi via Belapur and introduction of more trains on the said route; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The weekly 7061/7062 Secunderabad-Belapur Express, leaving Secunderabad on Saturdays and Belapur on Sundays, caters by and large to the weekend pilgrims traffic between Secunderabad/Hyderabad and Shirdi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pulse Production

5103. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have called for a brown revolution to augment the production of pulses;

(b) if so, whether he has written a letter to all the Chief Ministers and Heads of the Union Territories and suggested certain measures in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance proposed to be provided by the Centre to the State Governments to achieve the goal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) Union Minister of Agriculture has written a letter to the Chief Ministers of all the States and Heads of the Union Territories on 15th July, 1996 and have requested them to formulate time bound programme for increasing the production of pulses. No proposal has been received so far in this regard.

Stamp Duty Scam

5104. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 35.59 crores stamp duty scam was unearthed in Uttar Pradesh during the month of July;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has ascertained the facts about the stamp duty scam;

(c) whether CBI has been entrusted to enquire into the scam; and

(d) if so, the time by which the inquiry is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A criminal case against Shri R.P. Gupta, retired Sub-Registrar, has been registered in Police Station Kotwali Kanpur, under sections 409/420/477A/199/120-IPC, section 27 of the Stamp Act and section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, the matter has been referred to "Aarthik Apradh Anusandhan Sangathan", Uttar Pradesh.

STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3108 DATED 27.8.96 REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS IN FOREST AREA

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): I invite attention to the English and